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Preliminary Examination Report mailed April 2, 2004 (copy enclosed), but not earlier cited in either the Written Opinion or the International Search Report.

The undersigned attorney would appreciate if Examiner Hom would send via facsimile to fax no. (203) 261-5676 any correspondence in response to this communication.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 remain pending in the patent application.

In the May 3rd Office Action, the rejection of the main independent claims has been maintained based on Müller. Paragraph 1 of the May 3rd Office Action provides a response to the arguments presented in Applicant's February 2nd Response. The Examiner's response to the arguments is greatly appreciated by Applicant, the assignee of record, as well as the undersigned attorney and has been carefully considered.

The rejection to the main independent claims is respectfully traversed because Müller does not disclose a method for operating user equipment in a telecommunications network for receiving packets during a packet service mode, featuring the step of entering user equipment (UE) into a discontinuous reception mode when receiving packets while maintaining the logical connection in higher protocol layers during the packet service mode, as claimed herein. As stated in the patent application, page 2, lines 2-4, the prior art (including Müller) does not provide a

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mechanism to provide power saving by discontinuous reception during a packet session. In the prior art, during long packet service sessions, the telecommunications network does not release the connection despite the fact that no data is being transferred, causing the consumption of valuable battery power in the user equipment. The claimed invention recognized this "battery power consumption" problem in the art, and provided a solution thereto.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action points to Müller, column 8, line 66 to column 9, line 18, for disclosing this feature of the claimed invention. However, after reviewing this cited portion of Müller, the undersigned attorney respectfully submits that it does not suggest or even remotely hint at [powering down the user equipment during a packet service mode session], which is the whole thrust of the claimed invention.

In contrast, as described in this cited portion of Müller, the mobile station 30 (Figure 6) determines its paging and network access restriction groups and checks the broadcast channel for any access restrictions for its group. Thereafter, the mobile station goes into an idle mode entering a sleep, battery conservation mode. When Müller's mobile station 30 group time interval arrives, it powers up and reads messages during that time interval. If there are no messages for its group, the mobile station 30 returns to the idle mode.

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It is respectfully submitted that this cited passage in Müller does not even remotely suggest that any of this idle mode activity takes place during a packet service mode, as claimed herein. It is respectfully submitted that Müller merely discloses a way to place the user equipment in a sleep mode, but clearly not when receiving packets during a packet service mode, as claimed herein.

The Allowable Claims

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action, dependent claims 7-9 and 17-20 are deemed allowable if rewritten or amended to include the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the aforementioned remarks, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are deemed patentable over the cited prior art.

The Remaining Dependent Claims

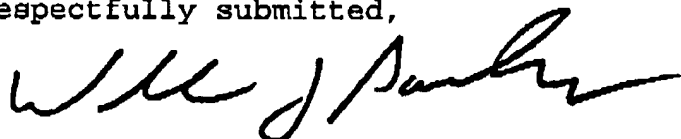
The remaining dependent claims are rejected based on Müller alone, or Müller in relation to some other cited reference, which also do not appear to disclose the aforementioned feature in order to make up for the deficiency in the teaching of Müller. In view of the aforementioned remarks, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are deemed patentable over the cited prior art.

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Conclusion

Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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